Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken into assist such needy area in West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme 25% funds are to be spent for providing safe drinking water for SC population. As per Action Plan for 1966-97, the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has earmarked Rs. 5.77 crore for West Godavari district. All the "Not Covered" (NC) and Partially Covered (0-10 lped) have to be covered by 1997-98, as per the directions of the Government of India.

Development of Technology to produce Bio-Crude

179. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 474 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th July, 1996 and state the details of further studies and research made regarding the project on introduction, screening and cultivation of potential petro-crops and their conversion in to petroleum hydrocarbons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGENDRA K.ALAGH): The Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP), Dehradun and the National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), Lucknow of CSIR had undertaken R&D work on introduction, screening and cultivation of petrocrops and their conversion to petroleum hydrocarbons. The studies carried out have resulted in identification of Eurphobia antisyphilitica as the petrocrop having highest potential for producing transportation liquied fuels. A 15 percent conversion of the biomass to liquid fuel was demonstrated. The development of the technology package is linked to its techno-economic feasibility/ viability.

Dispute between NTPC and DESU

180. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi is facing power crisis mainly due to growing disputes between NTPC and DESU;

(b) whether lack of coordination between different agencies dealing with generation and distribution of power in Delhi is creating artificial power crisis in the capital; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to identify the loopholes and improve the power situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (c) At present there is no power crisis in Delhi. However, problems relating to supply/ movement of coal in respect of generating stations of DESU and Badarpur Thermal Power Station at Delhi are resolved from time to time as and when the need arises.

Temper proof seal for LPG cylinders

181. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the domestic LPG cylinders do not have temper proof metalic seal, resulting inpilferage of LPG by unscrupulous dealers and deliverymen;

(b) whether it is a fact that the present metalic seal of the domestic LPG cylinders, particularly supplied by Indian Oil Corporation, comes out easily along with cap and can be easily replaced without any difficulty; and

(c) if so, the remedial measures Government propose to take to provide domestic LPG cylinders with temper proof seals, to ensure required quantity of LPG therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIT.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.